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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO AMEMBASSY LONDON NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 9886 IMMEDIATE

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LONDON PLEASE PASS FOREIGN OFFICE

E.O. 11652:NA

TAGS: SWEL, GT, UK

SUBJ: EARTHQUAKE

1. CONSULATE OFFICES STANDING BUT DAMAGED. UNTIL ELECTRICITY IS RESTORED WE CANNOT OPERATE FROM THEM. IF YOU GET THROUGH ON TELEX PLEASE TELEPHONE A HOME NUMBER TO ADVISE.

2. OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS THAT EPICENTRE OF EARTHQUAKE WAS AT SANTA LUCIA COTZUMALHUAPA, ABOUT 30 MILES SW OF GUATEMALA CITY. IT WAS AT 0903 HOURS GMT 4 FEBRUARY, LAST 25 TO 30 SECONDS AND MEASURED 7.2 ON RICHTER SCALE. NO BRITISH SUBJECTS KNOW OF IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY. MINOR TREMOURS CONTINUE BUT NO MAJOR TREMOUR ANTICIPATED.

3. UK-BASED STAFF ALL SAFE. PLEASE NOTE FLOATER CHRISTINE LAIDLAW IS HERE. DAMAGE IN GUATEMALA CITY CONSIDERABLE BUT WE UNCLASSIFIED

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KNOW OF NO BRITISH CASUALTIES. WILL ADVISE IF ANY COME TO

LIGHT.

4. GRATEFUL YOU ADVISE CIIR HEADQUARTERS FOR MADGE RONDO THAT  
SHE IS TRYING TO CONTACT VOLUNTEERS. KEITH TAYLOR, BRITISH  
BUSINESSMAN WOULD LIKE HIS WIFE TO BE INFORMED THAT HE IS SAFE.  
TELEPHONE 0246 417159.  
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